

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance dated March 8, 2004 was issued in the above-identified application. The Issue Fee was mailed on April 27, 2004. Applicants have now received a Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification, indicating that the Specification describes Figs. 6(a), (b), and (c), which are not containing in the Drawings.

THE AMENDMENT

The Specification has been amended so as to be consistent with the Drawings. The Drawing has a "Fig. 6" and the Specification has been amended accordingly so as to delete reference to "Figures 6a, 6b and 6c". No new matter has been added.

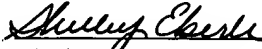
Specifically, the description of Figure 6 in the Brief Description Of The Drawings has been amended so as to only recite "Fig. 6." The description of Figure 9 in the Brief Description Of The Drawings has been amended so as to refer to the bottom modulation of Fig. 6. Support therefor can be found, for example at lines 1-4 of page 16, where it states that "[t]he top method uses more pixels and levels of gray to represent the data than does the middle encoding method, *while the method utilized in the bottom of Fig. 6* represents each bit of a byte by a dark or light pixel against a gray background with each byte arranged in a 3 x 3 base."

The Specification has also been amended at pages 15-16. Upon review of the Specification to address the Notice, Applicants noted that this section incorrectly refers to Figure 5, instead of Figure 6.

SUMMARY

The above amendments to the Specification are intended to correct informalities prior to issuance of the patent.

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